

Ironbound Community Planning Initiative

The following organizations and individuals ask that the City Council and the Newark Planning Board not accept the proposed Land Use Maps that are part of the Newark Master Plan because it fails to address essential quality of life issues.

Residents of Ironbound, in the spirit of community involvement, participated fully in the City's public participation process to prepare Land Use Maps. These special maps determine how a particular area will be developed. Many residents attended a meeting in the spring of 1999 sponsored by the Ironbound Community Corporation. The common concerns that emerged from that meeting and smaller subsequent discussions with many residents can be summarized as follows:

- It is critical that we have a plan that accommodates both the need for balanced growth and planned development. Rapid development has been occurring without considering the strain on existing infrastructure such as schools, the lack of park and recreational space, or a comprehensive view of the neighborhood.
- Schools, parks and recreational facilities are desperately needed and should be sited on the Land Use Maps now, before available land is gone.
- Growth in population has outpaced infrastructure, as evidenced by the overcrowding in our schools. Land use designations should reduce residential density, traffic and parking problems (for example, R2 instead of R3 or 4).
- All industrial zones should be modified to minimize environmental impact. Ironbound already has an overabundance of polluted and polluting sites. Environmental safety should be guaranteed in all new residential and industrial developments.
- The M1 ("mixed use") designation, which covers much of Ironbound, is too vague, and will only create problems.
- New developments should incorporate more space for grass and trees.
- The City should hold public hearings on all development and planning issues in Ironbound, at which residents can have input prior to decisions being made.

The Master Plan is the City's opportunity to work with its residents to develop a vision for the future that will help to guarantee improved quality of life both in its downtown areas, and in its residential neighborhoods. This has not happened in the preparation of these Land Use Maps, and they should not be accepted as proposed.

A PETITION to the MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, & PLANNING BOARD CONCERNING QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES in IRONBOUND. WE DEMAND THAT:

- 1) The city of Newark reserve land for
 - New schools
 - More parks and open space
 (This land must be marked on the new Land Use Maps to prevent random development).

- 2) The new Masterplan, Land Use Maps and zoning law must contain language to
 - Reduce density, traffic and parking problems.
 - Eliminate vague zoning designations (like mixed use).
 - Require more open space, trees and grass in new developments.
 - Guarantee that all new industrial and residential development is constructed in a manner that will protect the environment and public health.

Uma petição ao Prefeito, Assembleia de Cidade & Junta de Planejamento a respeito de assuntos de qualidade de vida no Ironbound. Nós exigimos que:

- 1) A Cidade de Newark conserve terreno para:
 - escolas novas
 - mais parques e áreas abertas
 (Este terreno têm que ser marcado nos 'Mapas de uso de Terreno', para prevenir desenvolvimento fortuito).

- 2) O 'Plano Mestre' novo, 'Mapas de Uso de Terreno' e lei de zonas, necessitam ter linguagem para
 - Reduzir densidad, tráfico e problemas de estacionamento.
 - Eliminar vagos indicativos de zonas (como uso misturado).
 - Requerir mais áreas abertas, arvóres e relva em desenvolvimentos novos.
 - Garantizar que todo o desenvolvimento novo, tanto residencial como industrial, será construído á maneira de preservar e proteger o ambiente natural e a saúde pública.

Una Petición para ir al alcalde, el ayuntamiento de la ciudad, y la junta de planificación acerca de la cuestión de calidad de vida en el Ironbound. Nosotros exigimos que:

- 1) La Cidade de Newark reserva tierras para
 - Escuelas nuevas.
 - Mas parques y áreas abiertas.
 (Esta tierra tiene que ser marcada en los nuevos 'Mapas de uso de Tierra' para evitar urbanización fortuita).

- 2) El nuevo 'Plano Maestro', Mapas de uso de Tierra, y lei de zonas debe contener lenguaje para reducir densidad, tráfico y problemas de aparcamiento.
 - Reduzir densidad, tráfico y problemas de aparcamiento.
 - Eliminar vagas designadas de zonas (como uso variado).
 - Exigir mas áreas abiertas, arboles, y hierba dentro de áreas nuevamente urbanizadas.
 - Garantizar la seguridad del medio ambiente e la protección de la salud pública, de toda la urbanización nueva tanto en zonas industriales como residenciales.

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